Fulbright fellowships are awarded to approximately 800 scholars each year and are chosen based on professional accomplishments and demonstrated leadership in their chosen fields. Fulbright recipients will conduct research abroad, consult with international colleagues, or lecture to promote general global welfare. In the last eight years, there have been 295 Fulbrighters associated with Ohio State, and President Gee recently hosted a reception to recognize our most recent Fulbright and Fulbright-Hays recipients.

Another prestigious, merit-based fellowship geared toward graduate and professional students is the Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships (FLAS). These fellowships are distributed through our Center for Slavic and East European Studies, the East Asian Studies Center and the Middle East Studies Center. The deadline to submit an application is February 1, 2009.

The FLAS Fellowship is for graduate and professional students who are committed to strengthen their programs by improving or acquiring a critical foreign language based in one of the regions of our three Title VI National Resource Centers. Last year the centers supported 32 academic year FLAS awards and 30 summer awards, which totaled more than $550,000 in grants, plus tuition.

Scholarships enable faculty and students to take their studies, research or teaching expertise abroad. It provides them with an opportunity to obtain first-hand experiences, to expand their knowledge, and share it with others.

As Ohio State strives to increase study and research opportunities abroad, students and faculty should take advantage of the myriad of scholarships and grants made available to help them achieve their goals.